

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6 4, wherein the docking ring includes a proximal side with a pair of channels positioned on opposite sides of the window and align with the disc space.
3. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the mount includes a pair of outwardly extending wings sized to mount within the pair of channels.
4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6 4, wherein the window has a substantially rectangular shape.
5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6 4, wherein each of said plurality of spikes has an inwardly tapering configuration to prevent splaying when mounted within the vertebral members.
6. (Currently Amended) A system to prepare vertebral members for an implant comprising:  
a docking ring forming a window sized to extend over a portion of the vertebral members  
and a disc space therebetween, the docking ring having a distal side with a plurality of spikes  
extending outward therefrom to extend within the vertebral members;  
a mount sized to attach to the docking ring and extend across the window, the mount  
comprising a receiving section and a second section, the receiving section having a first width  
different than the second section, the mount extending below the distal side of the docking ring;  
a plurality of instruments each having a pair of fingers spaced a distance apart to mate  
with the receiving section and align with the vertebral members; and  
~~The system of claim 1, further comprising~~ a locking mechanism mounted within the mount and having a biasing mechanism that is selectively positionable between a first orientation in which the mount is fixedly attached to the docking ring and a second orientation in which the mount can be removed from the docking ring.
7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 6 4, wherein the mount is positioned along a center line of the window.

Claims 8 - 21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A device to prepare first and second vertebral members comprising:

a ring having an outer wall forming a window, the ring having a first edge having a plurality of spikes extending outward to mount within the first and second vertebral members and receiving sections on a second edge and aligned on opposite sides of the window, wherein the receiving sections comprise channels that extend inward from the second edge and grooves that align with the channels, the receiving sections having a reduced width in the channels relative to the ring; and

a trial having a head sized to extend across the window and wings extending outward a distance above the head to mount within the receiving sections;

the trial mountable with the ring with the wings positioned in the receiving sections and the head aligned across a central portion of the window and below the first surface.

23. (Original) The device of claim 22, wherein the head and the first edge are substantially parallel when the trial is mounted within the ring.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The device of claim 22, wherein the wings further include outwardly extending tabs positioned at a proximal end of the wings, the tabs being sized to seat within the channels and the wings seat within the grooves when the trial is mounted within the ring.

26. (Original) The device of claim 22, further comprising a shaft pivotally connected to the head and a locking mechanism comprising a spring positioned within the shaft, the locking mechanism positionable between a locked orientation with a distal end of the shaft connected to the ring, and an unlocked orientation in which the distal end is distant from the ring.

Claims 27 - 48. (Canceled)